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MAIL STOP AF Commissioner for Patents Post Office Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a full and complete response to an Office Action dated July 20, 2006, for the patent application identified above.

Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 has been established for this application by a previously submitted verified statement.

Applicant believes that no additional fee is required for filing the amendment set forth in the accompanying response.

It appears that this response to the July 20, 2006, is being timely filed. However, if this response is deemed not to be timely filed, then pursuant to the relevant provision of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, the Applicant hereby conditionally petitions for an extension of time sufficient to make the response timely.

If any additional fee is due, the Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any surplus in

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the enclosed fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0735. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed herewith.

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